construction of a reservoir at Kannambadi at a cost of 89 lakhs of rupees, which will bring an additional area of 25,000 acres under cultivation, has been sanctioned.

The cases referred to by the members will be enquired into and Government are also anxious that small tanks should be improved.

SUBJECT No. 96.

Reclassification of minor and major tanks.

Mr. Mahalinganna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Tanks having an atchkat of Rs. 300 and above are designated major tanks and their repairs are being undertaken by the Public Works Department, while the minor tanks are dealt with in the Revenue Department. As there is greater facility for doing work in the former department than in the latter, it is prayed that the existing minimum of Rs. 300 be reduced to Rs. 200 so as to bring a larger number of tanks under the category of major tanks. Such reclassification would be of great advantage to the ryots in their agricultural pursuits. The ryots should also be exempted from the liability to contribute.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer and the Revenue Commissioner. The liability to contribute cannot be dispensed with and consistently with maintaining it, the reduction of the limit of classification will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 97.

(*a*) Annual repairs to tanks and channels.

(*b*) Maintenance work to tanks and channels.

(*a*) Messrs. Ramiah and Daulat Hanumaiya Setty, Malvalli taluk.

(*b*) Mr. Timme Gowda, Bannur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The annual repairs of tanks and channels are not done by the ryots as per standing orders. Tanks and channels are therefore silted up and cannot hold a full supply of water. It is therefore prayed that the annual repairs be done through Government agency and the ryot made to pay a cess of annas 8 per acre towards the cost of such works.

(*b*) The silt-clearing in the nalas is done by ryots and results in friction between big and small land-holders, which impedes the progress of the work. To remedy this defect it was suggested that 2 annas per acre may be levied from ryots and silt-clearing work done by Government. The subject was discussed in the previous Assembly meetings and Government were pleased to reply that orders would be issued. The ryots are prepared to pay the cess in the case of the Malvalli, Marahalli and Bannur tanks and though they have applied to the Deputy Commissioner their prayer has not been sanctioned. As nothing has yet been done in the matter, it is requested that speedy orders may be issued.

Mr. Gubbi Ramanuja Iyengar.—In the case of the Kadaba tank also the application of the ryots to levy a cess in lieu ot their liability to maintain has also been pending for a long time.

Reply of Government.—Whenever ryots themselves offer to commute their liability into a money contribution owing to local difficulties, Government have always been prepared to undertake the maintenance work to be executed by their agency in the case of important works. The causes of delay in the cases brought to notice (Malvalli tank, Bannur tank, and Marahalli tank) will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 98.

(1) Classification of major and minor tanks in the malnad.

(2) Repairs to small tanks in the malnad from Irrigation Cess Fund.

(1) Messrs. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha, Kesavadasa Iyengar and Veerasetty, Belur taluk; C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk; and Bhistiah, Yedahalli sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Repairs to minor tanks in the malnad are scarcely attended to. Their number being large, it is not possible for the ryots to repair the tanks by themselves, especially since they are wanting in unanimity.

The present classification of major and minor tanks may be so altered as to include tanks with an achkat of Rs. 100 and under as minor tanks and all the rest as major tanks so far as the malnad is concerned, so as to vest the repairs of all tanks with an atchkat of over Rs. 100 in the Public Works department.

(2) Mr. Nadiga Bhistaiya, Yedahalli sub-taluk.

(2) In the malnad, the Brahmadaya and Devadaya lands depend on small tanks for water-supply, and are subjected to Irrigation Cess. The tanks having been silted up, do not contain a sufficient supply of water. Pray that they may be repaired out of "Irrigation Cess Fund."

Reply of Government.—The matter is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer and his proposals are awaited.

SUBJECT No. 99.

Restoration of minor tanks.

(1 & 2) Mr. Sitappa Chetty, Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Contributions collected from the ryots towards earthwork to minor tanks are being kept in Savings Bank deposit for unusually long periods pending Government finding requisite funds for the execution of masonry work. As an instance is cited the case of the Tholabaladakere in the Bagepalli taluk. Orders may be passed that such works should be undertaken early in preference to other works.

(2) Minor tanks should be treated in the same way as major tanks in the matter of their restoration. The ryots should not be held liable to do the earthwork before the tank is restored. They should be held responsible for the maintenance of only such of the tanks as are restored.

Solicits that orders may be passed that measurements be taken and bills paid monthly for the works executed to minor tanks.

(3) Messrs. Karnik Nallappa and Y. Rama Rao, Tumkur Municipality.

(3) Greater allotment may be made for restoration of minor tanks every year. The amount sanctioned for each district must be worked out. Such restoration will ensure the raising of crops beneath such tanks which